

ABSTRACT

A telecommunication apparatus (10) has a radio interface (24, 43), a controller (44), a memory (45), an input device (46) and an output device (47). The controller provides a man-machine interface (48) to a user (49) through the input and output devices. The memory has a phonebook (40-42), which is accessed through the man-machine interface and stores a plurality of phonebook entries, where each entry represents a respective subscriber and an associated telephone number. For at least one of the phonebook entries, the phonebook (40-42) is capable of storing information (42) about an operational status of a respective subscriber. The controller (44) updates the operational status information of the at least one phonebook entry in response to status data, which are received through the radio interface (24, 43).

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